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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 25th/April, through Sunday, 2nd/May there were 218 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE0A, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD8, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B8, MAURITIUS. Walter, DL3LBP, will be active as **3B8/DL3LBP** until **May 21st** from **Flic en Flac**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign.

D2, ANGOLA. Ed, **D2PFN** (aka 4L4FN), continues to be very active on RTTY on 20/17/15/12 meters. Most of his activity is bewteen 1300-2130z. QSL via KK5DO.

DXCC NEWS (Logbook of The World to Inaugurate DXCC Credits Sysytem!).. Excerpts from "The ARRL Letter" (Vol. 23, No. 18, April 30, 2004), states that the ARRL's "**Logbook of the World**" secure contact database is to debut its DXCC credits system Wednesday, May 5th. ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG, says the long-awaited LoTW component will permit users to apply contact "matches" in Logbook's 41.4 million QSO and

growing database to their DXCC records. To date, Mills reports, more than 2.5 million QSO matches already exist in the system. "It's a pretty straightforward process," Mills said of crediting LoTW QSO matches to DXCC. "What participants need to do first is go to the LoTW site and read the instructions." Information available will include a list of frequently asked questions--FAQs. Before doing anything else, LoTW newcomers will have to obtain a Logbook of the World digital certificate and download the software. Since LoTW launched last September, it has validated nearly 10,000 digital certificates from approximately 7000 individual users. Obtaining a digital certificate, which authenticates each user under a particular callsign, is free. For more details, please read this week's "The ARRL Letter" and visit the following Web page at: http://www.arrl.org/lotw/

EO59, UKRAINE (Special Event). Operators Igor/UR3GM and Andy/UR5GAR will activate special event station **EO59G** from **May 5-9th**. Activity is to commemorate the **59th anniversary of Victory in World War II**. QSL via UR5GAR: Bureau - Box 56, Kiev 01001, UKRAINE or Direct - Pulin, Box 23, Kherson 73022, UKRAINE. QSLs can be requested by sending an E-mail to: ur3gm@tlc.kherson.ua

ET3, ETHIOPIA. The E.A.R.S. club station, **ET3AA**, has been pretty active lately. Operators Abiy, Mima and Kokobe have been active on 20/15/10 meters SSB between 1200-1600z. QSL via Box 60258, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. According to "La Gazette du DX", Yves, F6CTL, will be here during **May** and plans to activate three atolls in different island groups. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using a vertical and long wire antennas.

FO (FO/A & FO/M), FRENCH POLYNESIA, AUSTRAL AND MARQUESAS ISLAND (Update). Gerard, ON4AXU (ex-PA3AXU, 3D2XU, T30XU, C21XU, A35XU, 5W0GD, ZK1AXU [N/S]), informed the DX community that he will be active on 160 meters during his operations from these Pacific islands. His schedule for these Pacific islands were listed in OPDX.643 and operations will take place between May 13th and June 13th. Also, visit his Web page for more details at: http://www.qsl.net/on4axu/

FO/M, MARQUESAS ISLAND. Arihide, JI1WTF, is now active as **FO/JI1WTF** from here. His length of stay is not known yet. Most of his activity has been on CW/RTTY on 40/20/15 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Didier, **FY5FY**, will be active in the **CQ WPX CW Contest** (**May 29-30th**) as a Multi-Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL via FY5FY

GB, ENGLAND (Special Activities). The following list of operations will take place to celebrate the **60th anniversary of the Liberation of Paris** and **Guam**. The operations are as follows:

- **GB4OL** - To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Operation OVERLORD (D-Day, June 6, 1944), this special event station will be active between June 3-7th. Also, this station will be on air from another location between July 1-28th. The station will operate CW/SSB on various bands at 21 Signal Regiment (AS) Colerne. Please advise them at the time of the contact if a card is NOT required. For further information, contact GW4XKE at: johnny-e@ic24.net

- **GB60OL** - To celebrate the 60th anniversary of Operation OVERLORD (D-Day, June 6, 1944), look for this special event station between June 1-7th. The station will operate CW/SSB on various bands at 21 Signal Regiment (AS) Colerne during sociable hours and at the discretion of the O/C Training Wing and his staff. PLEASE QSL via the usual Bureau (RSGB RSARS RNARS RAFARS). For a DIRECT QSL, a stamped, addressed return envelope is essential. All stations worked will be sent a special card -- though it would be appreciated if they were told at the time of the contact if a card is NOT required. For further information. contact GW4XKE at: johnny-e@ic24.net
- **GB6DD** - To celebrate the 60th anniversary of D-Day, look for this special event station to be active from June 1-28th. For further information, contact G4OHX at: samg4ohx@btopenworld.com
- **GB6LOG** - To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of Guam, look for this station to operate on all modes, starting July 21st for 4 weeks. Your QSL card will be required beforehand in order to receive the special QSL from this station. PLEASE QSL via the RSARS QSL BUREAU. For further information, contact G0SWY at: G0swy@aol.com
- **GB6LOP** - To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of Paris, this station will operate on all modes, starting August 25th for 4 weeks. Your QSL card will be required beforehand in order to receive the special QSL from this station. PLEASE QSL via RSARS QSL BUREAU. For further information, contact G0SWY at: G0swy@aol.com. Additionally a special certificate is available on request if you work any of the 5 stations listed above (GB6DD, GB6OL, GB6LOG, GB6LOP, GB60OL and GB4OL). This has mainly been created at the request of several American radio amateurs, but they are available worldwide. If you would like a certificate then follow these procedures: if in UK send 2 x 2nd class stamps or an A5 stamped S.A.E. with 1 x 2nd class stamp, or £1.00; if outside of the United Kingdom then 1 USD or 1 AUD or 1 Euro with QSL to G0WY: 4 Bluebell Road, Bassett, Southampton, Hampshire SO16 3LQ (and NOT to the QSL Bureau). If you cannot do any of the above, a cheque made payable to RSARS for £1 will suffice. The Certificates are basically akin to this and of course tailored to each of the station callsigns.

GM, SCOTLAND (Many Scottish Islands To Be Activated!). Andre/GM3VLB and Alex/GM0DHZ plan to activate many Scottish Island in IOTA **EU-008**, **EU-010 EU-111** and **EU-123** in the coming weeks and months. Their planned schedule is as follows.

1st DXpedition: IOTA **EU-008** (Inner Hebrides):

- **May 17-19th, Coll** (SCOTIA DI12)
- **May 19-21st, Tiree** (SCOTIA DI10)
- **May 21-23rd, Gunna** (SCOTIA DI11) This is a NEW ONE!!
- **May 23-24th, Tiree** (SCOTIA DI10)

2nd DXpedition: IOTA **EU-010** (Outer Hebrides) In June they will activate another "new one", **Burns Island** (HI26). This will be activated, together with **Scarp** (HI24), **Chaluim Chille** (HI25), before heading to the Uist Island Group (**EU-010**) from where they hope to activate the **Monachs EU-111** (DI22) as well as **Kirkibost** (HI12), **Eriskay** (HI05) and probably several more such as HI15, HI13, HI10, HI08, HI11, HI06 and perhaps HI03 and HI04 etc.....as in the past, plans are very much "time and WX-dependent".

3rd DXpedition: Andre and Alex will (in June? July?) "complete" the Skye area (**EU-008**) islands. They have the permission for **Rona** (DI27), **Scalpay** (CN18), **Longay** (CN19), **Wiay** (CN21), **Soay** (CN16), **Crowlins** (CN20), **Staffin** (DI28) and **Flodigarry** (DI29).

4th DXpedition: Andre and Alex "may" activate IOTA **EU-123** where they have permission to land and to operate on **Ailsa Craig** (DI01) and on **Lady Isle** (DI02) at the end of the bird breeding season. This will be around the **end of July/beginning of August**.

ADDED NOTES: Andre states that they are also planning a return visit to the **Shiants** (**EU-112**) either on the Hebridean trip or the Skye expedition. Also, **St. Kilda** (**EU-059**) is looking less and less likely. Andre feels that without support, this one will become an increasingly rare IOTA. QSL all activity via their home callsigns. Full details of the islands and the "Scottish Island Award" program (SCOTIA) are available on, and can be downloaded from, the following Web site at: http://www.gm3vlb.com

HAMVENTION DX HAPPENINGS.....

- **DX FORUM** Jay, K4ZLE (Moderator 2004 HamVention DX Forum), announced that the program for the 2004 HamVention DX Forum has been finalized and it will be a good program this year with something of interest to every DXer. If you will be at the HamVention, mark Saturday, **May 15th**, from 1230 - 1515 for the DX Forum. It is scheduled for room 4 in Hara Arena. The program is as follows:
    1. A special program on DXpeditioning in the 1960's. Last year the SW Ohio DX Association was given access to some 16mm film of the first (1965) San Felix operation, CE0XA, as well as a VHS tape of converted 8mm films for the same operation as well as the KS4FW, Serrana Bank, and HK0AB, Bajo Nuevo, 1962 expedition. Even as this is being promulgated, work is being done to prepare a historical presentation on these operations. In the interest of time, SWODXA will probably only show the CE0XA portion at Dayton.
    2. 35 Plus Years of DXing from Central and South America by Dr. Rick Dorsch, NE8Z, HC2MC, etc. You may have read the recent article in World Radio Magazine by Rick. He will have time to expand upon the subject and provide more data at the DX Forum.
    3. Ham Radio in Iraq a la 2004 by Fred Matos, W3ICM, YI3DX. Until last month Fred was Director, Spectrum Management, Coaliltion Provisional Authority Ministry of Communications in Iraq. Part of his role there was issuing amateur licenses.
    4. The 3B9C Story by one of the team members, Ivan Davies, G3IZD. If you are following recent activities, you know this operation was completed only a few weeks ago. It is Jay's understanding that HamVention will be the first venue for the after action show. Be among the first to see the pics and hear about 3B9C from those who made it happen.
    5. DXCC announcements and updates by Wayne Mills, N7NG. Wayne will talk about the latest info on the DXCC program from ARRL HQ.
- **DX HOSPITALITY SUITE** The Northern Ohio DX Association (along Janeen Hire, W8ZET) will once again sponsor a Hospitality Suite at this year's Dayton Hamvention. It will be in Suite 1011 on the 10th Club Floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel (old Stouffers) on Friday and Saturday evenings (possibly late Thursday evening -- Look for signs!). All DXers/Contesters are welcome. Munchies and refreshments will be avaialble. Come and

meet the members and friends of NODXA.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-014**. Operators Antonio/CT1EPV, Luis/CT1AGF, Hermann/CT3FN (HB9CRV), Jose/CT3MD, Toni/HB9EBV and Juergen/DJ2VO (reserve operator) will be active as **CT9P** from **Porto Santo Island**. Activity will be from the Lighthouse of **Ilheu de Cima** (LH 0830/FMA01) between **July 16-19th**. Operation will be on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 40-10 meters. They will have 2 stations active (where one station is reserved for the digital modes). They plan to use a spider beam for 10/15/20m and a 40m delta loop. The Ilheu de Cima has no permanent inhabitants. The equipment, food, water etc.. must be carried 111m up from the landing point. Therefore, they are very happy that they can use the lighthouse facilities and that they don't have to carry a generator, fuel, tents etc..... QSL Manager is Kim (daughter of Steve, N3SL) via N3SL CBA or QRZ.com.
- **AF-014**. Operators Antonio/CT1EPV, Luis/CT1AGF, Hermann/CT3FN (HB9CRV), Luis/CT3EE, Jose/CT3MD, Juergen/DJ2VO, Derek/G3KHZ, Toni/HB9EBV and Rejean/VA2AM will be active as **CT9X** from **Porto Santo Island** during the **IOTA Contest** (**July 24-25th**). Activity will be from the wooden house and shack of Hernani/CT3BX on Porto Santo. They will enter the contest as a Multi-Single CW/SSB entry. QSL Manager is Kim (daughter of Steve, N3SL) via N3SL CBA or QRZ.com.
- **AS-135**. A group of BG4s led by BA4RS and Michael/BD5RV from the Jiangsu DX Club were expected to be on **Cheniushan Island** as **BI4Q**, **May 1-3rd**. They planned to operate SSB and CW on 40-10 meters on the regular IOTA frequency. Yagi and power amplifiers were taken with them. QSL Manager is BG4RQP: 102, NO.1 Street of Nanhu, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, CHINA.
- **EU-030**. A group of 6 German operators will be active as OZ0MS from **Bornholm Island**, **June 10-22nd**. Operators mentioned are: Ernst/DF2EA, Oliver/DH8BQA, Oliver/DL1EJA, Dietmar/DL2BZE, Uwe/DL3BQA and Guenter. They will be active on HF (160-10m) as well as VHF (6/2m) and UHF/SHF (70/23cm). Activity to be +/- the usual IOTA frequencies on CW and SSB with 500 watts and probably beam antenna. The group is also keen to activate all those small lighthouses on the island. Operation from the base station will be done using the special callsign **OZ0MS**, for lighthouse activities **OZ/homecalls** will be used (all QSLs via DH8BQA). For more information feel free to visit their Web page at: http://www.necg.de/bornholm/

KH2, GUAM. Nao, JK1FNL, will be on the air as **NA8O/KH2** from **May 5-9th**. He will operate with a portable transceiver and a simple antenna. QSL via JK1FNL (see QRZ.com for the details). PLEASE NOTE: NEVER send QSL to U.S. District #8 bureau or his NA8O address in the USA.

LX, LUXEMBOURG. Operators Ivo/ON6UM, Frans/ON4LO and Rob/ON6QX will be active from here **May 15-17th**. The trio of operators will sign **LX/homecall**. Activity will be on all bands SSB/CW/Digital. QSL via their home callsigns.

OH0, ALAND ISLANDS. Ari, OH5DX, will be active as **OH0Z** from **May 28th through June 4th**. Activity will be all bands, CW/SSB with a Single Band entry in the **CQ WPX CW Contest**. QSL via OH5DX (ex-OH1EH).

OJ0, MARKET REEF. Operators Ingo/SM5AJV, Peder/SM0GNS, Jonas/SM5HJZ and

Anders/SM0HPL will be active as **OJ0SM** during the **CQ WPX CW Contest** as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via SM5HJZ.

OX25, GREENLAND. Look for OX stations to use the special prefix OX25 followed by their own suffix between **June 1-30th**. This special event is to celebrate the **25 years of home rule/goverment in Greenland**.

OY, FAROE ISLANDS. Operators Kevin/ON5DRE and Erwin/ON4QJ are expected to be active **now through May 13th**. Activity will be on 160-2 meters, with an emphasis on 80/40/17/2 meters.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- QSL **3V8BB** via I5JHW for activity in the 2004 A.R.I. International Contest (May 1-2nd). Operator was Giovanni, I5JHW.
- **A61AJ**. Just a reminder! When QSLing the upcoming A61AJ CQ WPX CW Contest (May 29-30th) contacts, please QSL to K2UO (for North/South America) and DJ2MX (for Europe/Asia/Africa/Oceania).
- **QSL KY4DX via K4WW**. Members of Derby City DX Association (DCDXA) activated KY4DX in commemoration of the 130th Running of The Kentucky Derby. An 8X10, full color, suitable for framing, certificate is available. U.S. stations please enclose 2.00 USD, DX stations 3.00 USD, along with your QSL card. SASE IS NOT REQUIRED!! Repeat, SASE IS NOT REQUIRED!! Certificates for DX stations WILL NOT be returned through the ARRL outgoing QSL bureau. QSL INFORMATION: Shelby Summerville, K4WW, 6506 Lantana Court, Louisville, KY 40229-1544 USA.
- Berkin, TA3J, reports that he sent out QSL cards for **TA3YJ, TA3YJ/0, TA3YJ/3, TA3YJ/3 (LH), TA3YJ/4, TA3YJ/4 (LH), SV1/TA3YJ, LZ2/TA3YJ, TA3J, TA3J/0, TA3J/1, TA3J/2, TA3J/3, TA3J/3 (LH), TA3J/4, TA3J/4 (LH), SV1/TA3J, LZ1/TA3J, LZ2/TA3J, YM3BU, YM3ATA, YM3SV, YM75TA, YM21TA, YM3LZ/WPX2000** and **YM3LZ/WAE2000** to the QSL Bureaus of Germany, Greece, Japan and Romania direct on April 28, 2004.

TP7CE, COUNCIL OF EUROPE. Francis/F6FQK (TP2CE Liaison Officer) informs OPDX that the last valid TP7CE activity for the "**Council of Europe Radio Club Challenge**" will take place **May 5th** (for RTTY) and **May 7-9th** (for RTTY/SSB/CW). Deadline to send QSOs list: June 30th, 2004. Rules and details for the Challenge can found on the following Web in six different languages at: http://ewwa.free.fr

V31, BELIZE (Also, IOTA Op). An Uruguayan-Argentinean team are planning a joint DXpedition venture to Belize between **May 5-14th**. Operators will be Mario/CX4CR, Carlos/LU2NI and Bert/CX3AN. The team will operate from a site in **Placencia** South Belize (V31MD's Shack). Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB/Digital with a special emphasis on the Lower/WARC bands. On 6 meters there should be a single rig on for continous listening on 50.110 MHz. QSL Manager is LU2NI. Callsigns will be issued after their arrival. ADDED NOTE: During the team's **last 4 days**, they will activate **South Water Cay** (IOTA **NA-180**).

V63, MICRONESIA. Sho, JA7HMZ, will be active as **V63DX** from **Pohnpei Island**, **May 24-27th**. Activity will be 40-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via JA7HMZ.

XU, CAMBODIA (Update). Jaak, ES1FB (who will be active with Oleg, ES1RA, as **XU7ACE** and **XU7ARA**, respectively, between **May 7-19th**) states that they will be active during the **IOTA Contest** (**July 24-25th**) as **XU7ACV** from **Koh Pas** (**AS-133**). QSL XU7ACE and XU7ACV via ES1FB. QSL XU7ARA via ES1RA. Visit the following Web page at: http://www.hot.ee/xu7ace/

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